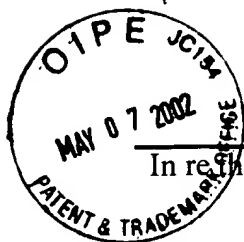


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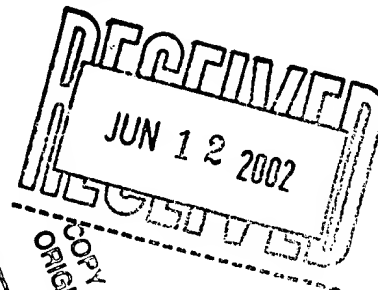
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Dear Sir:

Please issue a corrected Filing Receipt for the above-cited application. Applicants request that title be changed from "Hearing Aid" to **--AUDITORY TREATMENT DEVICE--**. Additionally, please correct the Attorney Docket Number from "HHI-033" to **--HHI-033US--**. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on July 27, 2001 is enclosed to support these corrections.

Re: U.S.S.N 09/890,1
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Applicant encloses a copy of the Official Filing Receipt received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with this application with the requested changes noted thereon in red ink. No fees are believed due to effect the necessary correction. However, if fees are due in connection with the filing of this Request, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080.

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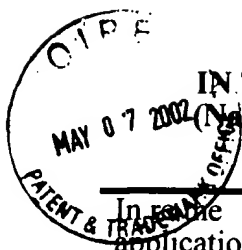
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the enclosed above-titled International patent application as follows.

In the Specification

Page 1, line 1, change the title to "**AUDITORY TREATMENT DEVICE**".

Page 1, line 2, after the title, insert the following "**Background of the Invention**".

Page 1, lines 3-4, please replace the paragraph with the following:

The invention relates to an auditory treatment device for correcting hearing impairments.

Page 1, line 33, insert the following title: "**Summary of the Invention**".

Page 2, lines 1-2, please delete this paragraph.

Page 5, line 27, insert the following title: "**Brief Description of the Drawings**".

Page 5, line 30, please insert the following title: "**Description of Illustrated Embodiment**".

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A treatment device for correcting impairments to hearing, comprising an essentially cylindrically shaped housing formed of metal, the housing having a battery compartment and a sound exit opening, wherein the housing completely surrounds and shields an electronics unit located therein against electromagnetic waves.
2. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the battery compartment comprises a watertight seal from the rest of the housing.
3. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.
4. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 2, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.

5. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a first housing component with the battery compartment being fastened together with a second housing component and an O-ring seal (3) being located therebetween.

6. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the treatment device is free of external moving operating elements.

7. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing is composed of titanium or a titanium alloy.

8. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 1, further comprising retaining means provided in the battery compartment to fix the position of a battery therein.

9. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 8, wherein the battery compartment further comprises a hole of small diameter for allowing external access to the battery.

10. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 8, wherein the retaining means comprise a magnet.

11. (Amended) The treatment device according to claim 10, wherein the magnet comprises a ring magnet, and wherein the battery compartment comprises a hole for allowing external access to the battery, the hole exiting into a center recess of the ring magnet.

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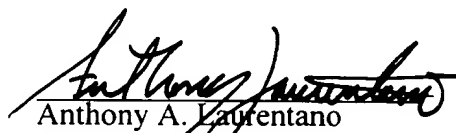
Applicants amend the specification to address minor formal matters, such as introducing appropriate section headers. Applicants also amend the claims to remove multiple dependencies, to provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments introduce no new matter and are not related to issues of patentability.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION TO SHOW MARKINGS WITH CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

Page 1, line 1:

~~HEARING AID~~ AUDITORY TREATMENT DEVICE

Page 1, lines 3-4:

The invention relates to an auditory treatment device ~~according to the preamble of Claim 1~~ for correcting hearing impairments.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A ~~T~~treatment device for correcting impairments to hearing, comprising an essentially cylindrically shaped housing formed of metal, the housing having a battery compartment ~~as well as and~~ a sound exit opening, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the housing completely surrounds and shields ~~the an~~ an electronics unit located therein ~~the treatment device (1)~~ against electromagnetic waves, ~~and that the housing (2) has an essentially cylindrical shape.~~

2. (Amended) The ~~T~~treatment device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the battery compartment ~~(7) has~~ comprises a watertight seal from the rest of the housing ~~(2).~~

3. (Amended) The ~~T~~treatment device according to claims 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sound exit opening ~~(5)~~ is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.

battery compartment comprises a hole for allowing external access to the battery, the hole
(9) exiting into the a center recess of the ring magnet (8).



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